take advantage of this rebate and prefer their claims for reimbursement of the rebate amounts. The Prime Minister had also announced a scheme with an outlay of Rs. 125 crore, for imparting training to 1 lakh weavers/ artisans so as to enhance their skill and marketing/managerial capabilities. Further, a special contributory insuance scheme for 1 million weavers/ artisans combining the Jan Shree Bima Yojana of the Life Insurance Corporation of India with Group Insurance was also announced.

Applications received under TUFS from Rajasthan

2311. DR. ABRAR AHMED: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have introduced Technology Upgradation Funds Scheme (TUFS) since 1st April, 1999 in all the States;

(b) the number of applications received under TUFS from the State of Rajasthan; and

(c) the status of applications received?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI BASANGOUDA R. PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) the number and status of applications received under TUFS from the State of Rajasthan as on 31-12-2002, is as below:

(Rs. in crores)

Received			Sanctioned			Disbursed			
No. of Appli-	Project Cost	Amount of loan required	No. of appli- cations	Project Cost	Amount	No. of appli- cations	Project Cost	Amount Sanc- tioned	Amount
191	1354.81	786.96	156	963.48	464.35	140	921.62	443.89	369.54

Consignments of garment held up at European Ports

2312. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether garment consignments worth more than Rs. 250 crores are being held up at European ports due to a quota row;

(b) whether the member countries of the European Union are not allowing Indian garment imports beyond permissible quota allotments; and